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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANTS: Duff et al.

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EXAMINER: Schnizer, Richard A.

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ART UNIT: 1635

FOR: THERAPEUTICS AND DIAGNOSTICS BASED ON A NOVEL IL-1B MUTATION

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed September 9, 2004 in the above-identified application. With the extension, this Response is due on or before February 9, 2005. A check in the amount of \$225.00, in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(2), is enclosed herewith.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 24299-502. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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